



The bottom line

the most important fact about what you are discussing

- Well, I think **the bottom line** is if you love somebody, you will accept them nomatter what.
- **The bottom line** is, is that we don't have a stronger partner anywhere in the world than the United Kingdom.
- **The bottom line** is your son is doing the right thing.

Cross that bridge when you come to it

*if you say "I will **cross that bridge when I come to it**" you mean that you will deal with this problem when it happens, or if it happens.*

- A: Don't spend all your savings now. What are you going to do next year?
B: I will **cross that bridge when I come to it**.
- A: You can't make me talk to you.
B: No, I can't, but the police can.
A: Fine, I **will cross that bridge when I come to it**.

Cut to the chase

if someone cuts to the chase, they start talking or dealing with the important stuff instead of wasting time with less important things

- You know what? I've had enough of this, let's just **cut to the chase**.
- I will **cut to the chase** - we just don't have enough money for the project.
- Here's the problem with self-help books and seminars: they don't **cut to the chase**.

Priorities and decisions



The icing on the cake

if you describe something as the icing on the cake, you mean that it is an extra good thing that makes a good situation even better

- He was already happy with his salary, **the icing on the cake** came when he received a large bonus.

something bad added which made a bad situation worse

- I lost my job today and the fact that my car broke down was **the icing on the cake**.

In two minds

if you are in two minds about something, you are not able to reach a decision or opinion about something

- I'm **in two minds** about going to college. On one hand, it's required for most of the jobs, but on the other, it is very expensive.
- It shows you that everybody can be **two minds** about this.

Make a mountain out of a molehill

to talk or complain about small, unimportant problems as if it is important and serious

- Don't **make a mountain out of a molehill**, it's really not a big deal.

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On the back burner

if there is something that needs high fire, they put it on the front burners but anything else that can wait or they are not in a hurry to finish

- Linda put her career **on the back burner** after marrying a famous rich man.

Fill in the blanks.

The nurse thought Jim was making



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